

# ***Welcome from the Program Chair***

## **MultiTasks, MultiSkills, MultiConnections**

*"Come early and stay late!"* That's your invitation to the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL) in Columbus, OH. March 14-16, 2013, are the dates. Beginning on Thursday, there is an exciting array of full and half-day workshops, presented by ACTFL, OFLA and CSCTFL. The first round of sessions and workshops on Friday begins at 7:45 a.m., followed by Terry Caccavale's Keynote address and the awards presentations by CSCTFL and OFLA. After a full day of sessions and workshops, join colleagues at 6:00 p.m. for the AATF, AATG and AATSP receptions. Saturday promises another complete schedule of terrific workshops and sessions.

The conference focus will focus on how we as world language teachers connect to other curricular areas every day in every way. By working with teachers in other departments and integrating world languages into the entire school, we are strengthening the position of these languages in the curriculum. I keep telling my students that everything is connected. It is the study of another language, the people and their customs, that creates this curriculum-wide, worldwide connection, and helps them to develop attitudes and skills that will ensure their success as students, as well as citizens of the 21st century. There are problems to be dealt with as language teachers; we, as teachers and students are developing the skills needed to surmount these challenges. Our success depends on our ability to relate to and work with other teachers in our school, as well as the world beyond our school walls. It is up to us to advocate for language learning and make the case for our connection to the rest of the curriculum.

I look forward to joining all of you at the **2013 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** in [Columbus, Ohio](#) as we share our experiences with our new colleagues and our long-time friends. I encourage you to further connect to other disciplines and cultures through the exceptional offering of more than [190 sessions](#), more than [30 workshops](#) and a great selection of "multilanguage" events for teachers of "multilevels". Be prepared to be renewed, rejuvenated and motivated to make connections with students, teachers, departments, schools and cultures.

Special Events on Thursday, March 14, 2013

- **CSCTFL Leadership Program**, a peer mentoring program, supports development of state projects. State-nominated representatives attend this morning workshop. To investigate possibilities and fill out an application, [click here](#).
- **The Conference Workshop/Extension Workshop (CW/EW)** provides professional development outreach. Participants apply in advance and will be trained in the Conference Workshop (CW) on this year's topic, "*Making Standards Based Grading Work in Your World Language Classroom*," presented by Kim Lackey, Denise Pahl and

Jennifer Highfill of Eureka HS, Eureka, MO. Then the participants will prepare to present this topic at state and local workshops and conferences (EW) during the following year.

For more information, [click here](#).

- **Workshops:** Both half- and full-day workshops are offered covering various topics such as teaching in the target language, technology, common core state standards, technology, assessment and so much more. For a full listing, [click here](#).
- The **Delegate Assembly** provides leaders in the various state organizations the opportunity to network, discuss policies, procedures and challenges and learn about the current status of world language education in our 17-state region and throughout the nation. State organizations are asked to send representatives to this afternoon event. Please [click here](#) to submit the information about the delegates from your state and to check the information currently listed for your state organization for accuracy.
- You are invited to join the **CSCTFL Advisory Council**, which provides you with the opportunity to attend the **Advisory Council Reception and Business Meeting** early Thursday evening, as well as enjoying a gratis conference registration. Find more information [here](#).
- The **Exhibit Hall Opening and Wine and Cheese Gala** provides a first peek at the exhibits and the first chance to visit with vendors. This is also a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the region, make new connections and explore the exhibit hall in a leisurely environment. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).

#### Special Events on Friday, March 15, 2013

- **The Exhibit Hall** will be open all day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are designated breaks to visit with exhibitors; however, you may want to spend time there during your lunch break or between sessions as well. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).
- **The Awards Ceremony** preceding the Keynote address will honor the [2013 Teacher of the Year](#) and the other CSC Teacher of the Year candidates and the recipients of the [Paul Simon Award](#), the [Founders Award](#) and [Scholarships](#). The OFLA Awards will also be presented.
- The [Keynote speaker](#) will be **Terry Caccavale**, past president of NNELL, who will inspire, motivate and energize attendees with her speech.
- **The CSCTFL Report Authors' Luncheon** honors presenters whose articles are chosen for publication in the [2013 CSCTFL Report](#).
- **Friday evening language receptions** provide another opportunity to meet colleagues in specific language groups in a relaxing, social atmosphere. Some gatherings have a program, and others are quite informal.

#### Special Events on Saturday, March 16, 2013

- [NELL/FLES Swapshop Breakfast](#) highlights elementary ideas and resources. Be prepared to share an idea prior to arriving at the conference. Look for more detailed information elsewhere in this Conference Preview.
- At the **NADSFL/NCSSFL Luncheon**, district and state world language supervisors meet to enjoy lunch and network. If you are a district supervisor, world language department chair, or state supervisor and you don't know about these two groups, this is a great way to get acquainted with them while enjoying a nice lunch.
- Our **Saturday session offerings** are packed every hour to maximize opportunities for those who have difficulties joining CSCTFL on weekdays. For the complete conference schedule, [click here](#).

#### Special Events throughout the conference

- The 2012 CSCTFL and OFLA sessions and workshops that were designated as "**ALL STAR**" sessions for their outstanding quality and execution will be returning for the 2013 CSCTFL Conference.
- 13 of our 17 Central States will be presenting a presentation or workshop that their state organizations have designated as "**Best of**" sessions. We hope you are able to glean some great knowledge from a different state!
- There are more than **30 great workshops** available to attendees. Please see the workshop descriptions and get excited to attend one or more of these outstanding offerings throughout the conference.

The **2013 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** is ready and waiting for you to attend. We have an outstanding program by and for you and your colleagues. Come early and stay late. It will be well worth it.

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